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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Roback

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Group Art Unit: **1743**

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Examiner: **Cross, L.I.**

For: **Immunological Assay System and Method**

Docket No. **50508-1031**

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION (WITH AMENDMENTS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed **December 21, 2004** (Paper No. 20041206) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1, 3, 5, 7-8, 15, 23, and 39 are amended; and claims 6, 9, 14, and 34 are canceled. Claims 1-5, 7-8, 10-13, 15-33 and 35-46 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.